

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 697

By Williams, Sen.

A RESOLUTION to recognize Kenny Buttolph on the occasion of his retirement from *Old Cars Weekly*.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Buttolph is one such estimable person who has served with acumen, alacrity and integrity for many years with *Old Cars Weekly* as Research Editor; and

WHEREAS, during his term of service, Mr. Buttolph earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and superiors while always striving to do his part to maintain a wonderful workplace atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, his Midwestern work ethic was legendary in the magazine's office; he stringently followed a personal rule that declared he must "arrive late and leave early to make up for it"; and

WHEREAS, though his official duties often forced him to neglect a day in the office in favor of a day at a swap meet or junkyard, Mr. Buttolph made a point of always joining his peers in the office on the second Tuesday of every week and the 33<sup>rd</sup> day of every month; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Buttolph earned renown at *Old Cars Weekly* for his clever pranks, and each of his coworkers is able to share many fond memories involving his unique sense of humor; new employees truly became a part of the office community only after they had survived the initiation rites of Kenny's antics; and

WHEREAS, in addition to possessing an incredible wit, Kenny Buttolph is a genuine authority on antique cars; his wealth of knowledge is unsurpassed, and longtime friend and peer Ron Kowalke has said, "Truth be told, he's forgotten more about cars than the rest of us could ever hope to learn. He eats, sleeps, and breathes cars, and that's why I call him our "editor savant"; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Kenny Buttolph has derived great pleasure from sharing with others; above all things, he has shared his sense of humor and his extensive knowledge of automobiles; and

WHEREAS, his friends and readers have had countless laughs added to their lives because of Kenny, and many have benefited immeasurably from his incredible knowledge and joyful willingness to share his expertise; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Buttolph exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family, friends, and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, during his estimable career, Mr. Buttolph has won the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and readers alike; and

WHEREAS, from those who have eagerly anticipated the arrival of each new issue of *Old Cars Weekly* to those who have been lucky enough to call Kenny Buttolph a personal friend, all who have known him have had their lives improved by him in some way; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Kenny Buttolph our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from his position as Research Editor at *Old Cars Weekly* and much continued success, happiness, and humor in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.